

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and has an obligation, under the law, to serve the public interest. What we see here is that when large companies control the airwaves, we get what's good for them and for their bottom line rather than what serves our needs as a democracy. It would be more important for us to see real people from our own communities and more about substantive issues that matter to us today.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show that the license renewal process needs to involve more substantive issues and be more than a pro forma process. Thank you.